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SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I just elicit the informatnon whether the Government are prepared to grant this concession to teachers with over 10 years of service and not very old? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir, it is being given already."

Grant of permission to Hindi Pandits to sit for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination in October 1953.

* 148 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state with reference to Short Notice Starred Legislative Council Question 36-A answered on 17th March 1953, what steps the Government have taken to allow the concerned Hindi Pandits to appear for the S.S.L.C. Examination in October 1953?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question of allowing the Hindi Pandits who were not permitted to sit for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination of March, 1953, to appear for the examination in October, 1953, was considered in consultation with the Commissioner for Government Examnations and orders have been issued that such of those pandits who may become eligible to appear for the October examination, may be admitted to the examination without further payment of fees."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I know if I am correct in my opinion that this order issued through the *Fort St. George Gazette* on 24th June 1953 is a repetition of the order issued on the eve of the examination banning these teachers from sitting for the examination and in effect refuses to give permission to these 75 pandits who were debarred? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, those who become eligible in the interim period are allowed to appear for the examination without payment of fees."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I know if the Government, after their statement on the floor of this House on the 17th March 1953 when they expressed that it was too late to interfere in the matter, considered whether they could not now interfere and give permission to these 75 Pandits in view of the fact that the mistake was on the part of the Government and not even one per cent on the part of the candidates? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, it was stated that on examining the applications received for the March 1953 examination it was found that 75 Hindu Pandits had not either put in three years of service nor had they the required Pracharak qualification. By mistake their applications were forwarded and they, therefore, demanded that they were entitled to sit for the examination and it was stated on the floor

of this House that those who were entitled to appear for the examination alone would be permitted to appear for the October examination."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I know whether it is not a fact that even four days before the examination the rules were not as they are given just now, that Rule 13 of the Madras Educational Rules as well as the rules in the S.S.L.C. Memorandum qualified these 75 Pandits to sit for the examination and that this is completely proved by the fact that every District Educational Officer and every Circle Inspectress of Education had recommended these applicants as eligible? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, it was stated very clearly that it was by mistake these applications were forwarded and the Government still hold that view."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I know how it can be a mistake when in the previous year people without even these qualifications had appeared and how could anybody take it otherwise except that the Government have begun to interpret the rule to the disadvantage of the teachers at the time of the examination? May I once again, on behalf of these teachers, just request the Government to have some sympathy for these teachers who have prepared again a second time for the examination and to avoid disappointment a second time by issuing an order just now—three months after the order banning them from the examination—and thus serve the cause of education? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, if the hon. Member is of the opinion that, even assuming that a mistake had been committed, it should be taken as a rule, I cannot agree but, if the hon. Member suggests that the rule itself deserves reconsideration it can be considered on its merits later on."

Vacancy in the post of Headmaster, Government Training School, Tirunelveli.

* 149 Q.—SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the period for which the post of Headmaster of the Government Training School, Tirunelveli, has been kept vacant in 1952–53?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The post was vacant from 23rd October 1952 to 13th March 1953."

SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU :—" May I know from 4-40 the Hon. the Minister for Education why the post was kept vacant p.m. so long? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The headmaster of that school went on leave preparatory to retirement from 23rd October 1952. A number of direct recruits were due for

of redistribution of their duties on a regional basis and fixation of headquarters of the Assistant Directors of Public Health within their respective jurisdictions?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the present arrangement is found to work very satisfactorily."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" Sir, would it not be economical and efficient too to have the headquarters of the Assistant Directors in convenient centres outside and will the Government be pleased to consider such a proposal?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, this matter has already been considered and the present arrangement has been found to be the best."

Supply of water to the tank in the village of Pothakanur.

*222 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation from the villagers of Pothakanur, Darsi taluk, Nellore district, to supply water to their tank by digging a supply channel from Dornapu vagu nearby and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Yes. The proposal is under consideration."

SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH :—" Sir, may I know how much it will cost the Government to dig this supply channel?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, such a proposal is under consideration. The scheme is estimated to cost approximately Rs. 39,000."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, how long has it been under consideration?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, it was originally in an estate. It was recently taken over and therefore it takes some time."

SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH :—" Sir, in view of the fact that Darsi is a backward area and a dry area also, will the Government take steps to take up this digging of channel under the Grow More Food Campaign?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, that will be decided after the estimate is received."

Appointment of First Grade Hindi Pandits in High Schools.

*223 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Hindi Pandits and Pracharks' Association requested the Government to appoint First Grade Pandits in every High School regardless of the number of periods of work; if so, the action taken thereon;

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whether the above Association brought to the notice of Government the irregular and ... procedure adopted by different district boards in the State in the matter of appointment of First Grade Pandits; and

(c) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Representations were received from certain Hindi Pandits' Associations requesting the Government to appoint Grade I Hindi Pandits in High Schools regardless of the number of periods of work allotted to them. The question of reducing the periods of work in higher forms prescribed for eligibility to Grade I post is under consideration.

" (b) & (c) Certain Hindi Teachers' Associations brought to the notice of the Government that certain local bodies granted Grade I scale of pay to the Hindi Pandits employed in their Secondary Schools owing to misconception, though they were not eligible for pay in that Grade, and that as a consequence the excess payment made was ordered to be recovered from the teachers. The Government thereupon issued orders that no recoveries need be made from the Hindi Teachers with effect from 1st February 1952 so as to avoid hardship to them."

SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there were some irregular proceedings adopted by the District Boards in the appointments of these Hindi Pandits, will the Government order an enquiry into the matter and see the wrong done to the Hindi teachers is set right? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, this was with particular reference to one mistake which was corrected and the hardship caused was attended to."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I know whether it is a fact that while the Government Order on the question of salary is all right, an order was issued by the Department later on restricting that salary to those with a minimum of 26 periods of teaching, thus taking away by the left hand what was given by the right hand through the Government Order? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, only the Government Order seems to have been applied with retrospective effect to a case which was brought to notice and which caused hardship to some teachers and that was corrected."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" May I know, Sir, whether even now the rule regarding 26 periods minimum teaching is not insisted on in the case of First Grade Pandits and that too in the case of upper forms? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Sir, the question of modifying the insistence on a certain number of periods for First Grade Pandits is under consideration."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI:—" May I know, Sir, why when an English teacher, a B.A., B.T., who for all purposes is an English Pandit is paid the B.T. Grade, whether he teaches the I Form or VI Form, the same principle should not be applied to teachers in our own languages, Tamil, Sanskrit and Hindi, in Swaraj India, in Free India?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Sir, the question of improving the emoluments of Hindi Pandits and language pandits is under consideration."

SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH:—" Sir, has the Government received individual complaints from the Pandits regarding the wrong done to them in giving them first grade salaries?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Sir, I do not know to which cases the hon. Member is referring. I am not aware of individual cases. I am not dealing with them here. I am dealing with this specific matter referred to in the question."

Revival of the Selection Examination in the S.S.L.C. class.

*224 Q.—SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) what is the intention of the Government in issuing G.O. No. 2313, Education, dated 7th October 1952; and

(b) whether any representations have been made to the Government for revoking the above Government Order and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (a) The abolition of selection examination in the S.S.L.C. class had bred in certain students an indifference to their studies. The Government reviewed the matter in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction and the Educational Associations and have decided that an examination in Form VI is necessary to assess the fitness of the candidates to take the examination.

" (b) Representations have been received. The Government do not consider it necessary to revise the orders reviving the selection examination in the S.S.L.C. class."

SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH:—" May I know, Sir, how many students were detained in the S.S.L.C. class last year?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I want notice, Sir."